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By ECF  
The Honorable Arlene R. Lindsay  
United States Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
Federal Plaza  
Central Islip, New York 11722-4449

Re: United States v. Steven H. Charno  
Criminal Docket No.: 03-CR-865 (ADS)

Dear Judge Lindsay:

I represent the above-referenced defendant Steven Charno. Back on October 8, 2003, he appeared before your Honor and entered a guilty plea to an information charging him with health care fraud, and he is awaiting appearance before Judge Spatt for acceptance of that plea and sentencing.

In the interim, he has rendered a great deal of cooperation to the government, and continues to do so. Regrettably, a lawyer in an unrelated civil case against Dr. Charno, recently obtained the docket sheet in this matter, which we believed to have been sealed. Obviously, this is of concern to all parties.

I have discussed the matter with AUSA Geoffrey Kaiser, and I am requesting that the Court enter an order sealing the docket sheet, and directing the clerk of the court to do so. The government consents in this request.

Last, I request that this letter be placed under seal, as well.

Thanking the Court for its courtesies in this regard,

Respectfully Submitted,



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